

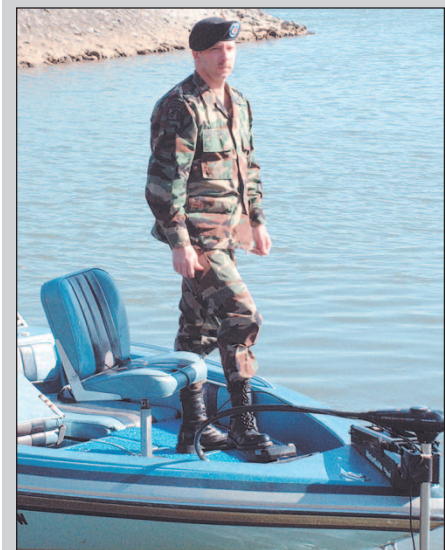
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## Helping hands



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## Playgrounds should be safer for play

*Army upgrading children's areas*

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A task force directed by higher headquarters found that playgrounds at most installations were older than the users' parents.

The study since late 1999 prompted the Army Materiel Command to upgrade those facilities for children. Installations were told to tear the playgrounds down and replace them with safer ones.

This resulted in a windfall for Redstone Arsenal, which has three community playgrounds and 10 other play places throughout its housing areas. The funds from AMC amount to more than \$200,000 for equipment in the community playgrounds and almost \$300,000 in the housing areas.

"We're trying to spread the playgrounds out," Jerry Lewis, an engineering technician in the Housing Management Branch, said. "We probably have more than a lot of the bases have but we've been lucky in being able to get funding for it."

The community playground in the Vincent Drive recreation area was replaced by \$70,000 in new equipment by spring 2001. The one at Easter Posey recreation area will be replaced for \$77,505 under a con-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**NEW EQUIPMENT—** This community playground in the Vincent Park recreation area was the first on post replaced with new equipment through funds from headquarters Army Materiel Command.

tract awarded Sept. 30 for completion within 180 days. And the playground at the Col. Carroll Hudson recreation area will be replaced by about the same amount, probably by the end of fiscal 2003.

Each playground will have a fenced, tot lot for ages 2-5 and a school-age area for those 5-12. The equipment adheres to the Consumer Product Safety Standards and handicap accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"When all is said and done, the community playgrounds got over \$200,000 for replacement projects," Dan Ahern, director of Personnel and Community Activities, said. "You have to take out the old stuff in order to get the new stuff and that's what we did."

AMC also funded training for representatives from the subordinate installations,

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## Fox Army Health Center helps smokers kick the habit



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**ON CONTRACT—** Spec. John Cadieux, X-ray technician at Fox Army Health Center, signed a contract to stay smoke-free during the Great American Smokeout Nov. 21.

*Day-long campaign raises awareness about dangers of lighting up*

By SANDY RIEBELING

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Vera Sprague always told herself that if smoking ever made her cough, she would quit.

"One day after lunch I lit up a cigarette and had a good coughing spell," she said. "I quit right then and there. That was the deal I made with myself. If a cigarette ever made me cough, I'd never smoke another one. And I haven't."

That was more than 30 years ago, after 25 years as a smoker.

But not everyone has that kind of determination or willpower. It took "a bunch of times" for physical therapy lab assistant Ann Parlato to kick the smoking habit for good and she's been free for 13 years.

For those who need a little help, or maybe a lot, folks at the Public Health and Education Center at Fox Army Health Center sponsored the annual Great American Smokeout Nov. 21.

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# Letters to the editor

## Retiring recreation worker will be missed

Message to Tom Potter of Outdoor Recreation: I heard you're retiring soon. Congratulations!

I know I'm just a lowly lieutenant colonel in the Pentagon, but on behalf of thousands and thousands of troops who've been through Redstone over the past... well, 17 years for me, I want to say thank you.

Thank you for taking the time to teach me how to shoot skeet — I'm damn good at it now and the only lessons I've ever had came from you. When I was a brand new second lieutenant and had time on my hands and an interest in shooting, you taught me how to do it right and safe. I'm sure there's nothing in your duty description that says you should hold the hand of someone new in the sport; you just did it because that's the kind of man you are.

Thank you for teaching me how to hunt squirrels. You showed me the gear and actually took time off to take me out in the woods and show me how it's done. You showed me how to clean the game and gave me pointers on how to prepare it. And that's something I'll never forget.

Thank you for taking the time to show me where to find ducks in the winter and where to take my boys to get some bream in the summer. As you know, the nomadic military lifestyle does not lend itself to knowing an area as well as the regulars. But your willingness to share this information put me in league with the regulars. My boys and I thank you.

Thank you for being there in the dark to sign me up and thank you for sending me off into the woods with a fatherly "be careful out there..." Passing the hunter safety test is one thing, your gentle reminder each morning actually did stay

with us. We all owe you huge thanks for that.

Whether it's renting boats or checking out camping gear, you've been there every year, season after season, making sure me and other soldiers have the right equipment and understand how to use it safely. Thank you for repeating this with countless new soldiers each year, with the same dedication and discipline.

Thank you for understanding soldiers. We're not bureaucrats and we don't much stand for all their rules. You challenged the dumb rules on our behalf and made us understand the ones that were for our own good. When you promised us something was going to get fixed, it always was. And if it was above your pay grade, you told us who to go see. Thank you for being a soldier even though you'd hung up your uniform many years before.

Redstone Outdoor Recreation has changed a lot over the 17 years I've used it — new equipment, new buildings, computers, etc. But I'm most grateful for the one thing that hasn't changed at all — the superb customer service ethic of everyone who works there. I'm convinced the reason that ethic exists is because of you, Tom. I hope it continues there as your legacy when you leave.

I'm personally going to miss you at Outdoor Recreation, but look forward to seeing you — hopefully - on the same side of the counter as me. In either case, your retirement is well deserved and I hope you continue to pursue the outdoors.

Thanks again, and godspeed, Tom. See you in the woods.

**Lt. Col. Jeffrey Mockensturm**  
Army Special Programs

## Soldier gives thanks to community

HHC AMCOM would like to thank the Redstone Arsenal community for its generosity in helping to provide a bountiful Thanksgiving

for 26 soldiers and their family members.

**Sgt. Latoya Parker**  
HHC AMCOM



Photo by Spec. Evan Morrow

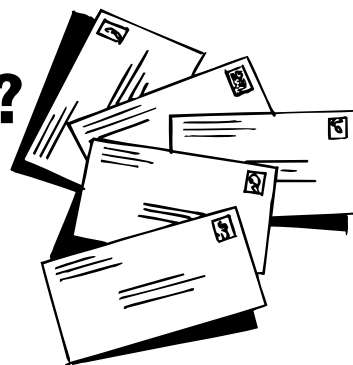
## Giving thanks

Garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin talks during the Thanksgiving meal at the dining hall with future ammunition specialists, from left, Pvts. Sahmantha Smith, Keisha Douglass and Hannah Fraley.

## Rocket rumblings: Your holiday wishes?

What would you like for Christmas?

That's the "Rocket rumblings" question for this month. Send your answer, in 50 words or less, to fax 955-9138 or e-mail: skip.vauhn@redstone.army.mil.



## Ordnance chief visits Logistics Support Activity

Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, commander of the Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., visited the Logistics Support Activity, Nov. 26 to receive an overview of capabilities.

The formal agenda began with Col. Kurt Weidenthal, LOGSA commander, presenting "Today's Command Focus." Key topics of the command focus included LOGSA's active role in the Logistics Transformation Task Force, a key role in supporting the Stryker Brigade to collect and analyze critical data, its Emergency

Operations Center, support to the Army G4/AMC Enterprise, and the Logistics Modernization Program.

Other topics included results of the Army Oil Analysis Program Economic Analysis, Manpower Requirements Criteria initiatives, and status of the Electronic Technical Manual/Interactive Electronic Technical Manual standards.

Stevenson was accompanied by Col. David Hafele, commander of the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School.

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# Senior enlisted forum deemed major success at Redstone

Third annual event  
has 58 attendees

The conference was a first for Redstone and the attendees probably won't mind returning.

The Army Materiel Command's third annual command sergeant major/sergeant major/NCO-in-charge forum was held Nov. 18-22 at Redstone for the first time. There were 58 attendees.

"Excellent," post CSM Roscoe Johnson, the host, said. "The conference went excellent. Remarks from the attendees: first-class operation."

Retired CSM Jimmie Spencer, director of enlisted affairs for national Association of the U.S. Army, was guest speaker at the NCO/Soldier of the Quarter luncheon Nov. 21. Retired CSM George Cutbirth, a former AMC command sergeant major, was guest speaker at the Team Redstone Fall Dining Out held that evening at the Officers and Civilians Club. About 250 attended the dining out.

A dinner for nominative sergeants major and special guests was held Nov. 19 at the Huntsville Marriott with guest speaker Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone. The conference attendees had dinner at the Huntsville Heritage Club, Nov. 20.

Attendees included CSM Tyler Walker, command sergeant major for Army Materiel Command; retired CSM William Tapp, former AMC command sergeant major; retired CSM Douglas Russell, president of the American Military Society; retired Sgt. Maj. Robert Mix, director of legislative affairs for national Noncommissioned Officers Association; and retired CSM Michael Pierce, a former AMC command sergeant major.

The Communications-Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, N.J., is scheduled host for next year's conference.



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**SOLDIER OF YEAR**— Spec. Justin Brown, the Department of Army's first Soldier of the Year, attends the Army Materiel Command's third annual command sergeant major/sergeant major/NCO-in-charge forum Nov. 18-22. He belongs to the Redstone-based 95th Maintenance Company and is stationed in Baumholder, Germany.



Russell Moore/Photo Lab

**GUEST SPEAKER**— Retired CSM George Cutbirth, a former Army Materiel Command command sergeant major, addresses the Team Redstone Fall Dining Out held Nov. 21 at the Officers and Civilians Club. About 250 attended.



# Patent attorney finds Korean trip intellectually fulfilling

*Fulbright Scholarship research includes four months in Seoul*

By KIM GILLESPIE  
For the Rocket

Fulbright Scholar and AMCOM patent attorney Anne Lanteigne spent four months in the Republic of Korea conducting a comparative study of U.S. and Korean intellectual property rights protection. If it sounds like a challenge, it was, according to Lanteigne.

"Knowing how to speak and read Korean was essential, especially in regards to reading the most recent Korean intellectual property laws, some of which are available only in the Korean language," said Lanteigne.

The fruits of her labor include a paper exceeding 100 pages describing how intellectual property protection for inventions related to electronic commerce, or e-commerce, is being addressed in Korea.

"Intellectual property rights are not tangible like the products in which they reside and which they protect," Lanteigne said. "The products themselves, you can see or touch, but IPR's residing in them, you cannot. Some people have a fundamental difficulty with the notion of IPR's," said Lanteigne. "But the ever-increasing e-commerce in the global economy is making common standards for intellectual property a necessity for diverse countries to engage in business

and fairly compete with each other because companies from one country must feel that their IPR's will be protected by similar laws in other countries. Intellectual property rights and enforcement of them have really become a strategic resource in planning business development anywhere," she said.

Lanteigne conducted her research at the Seoul National University, College of Law, and as part of her research, visited the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Korean Patent Court and Lee International IP and Law Group, a private law firm specializing in intellectual property rights.

"Korea is a civil law country rather than a common law country," she said. "Common law is what we have in the U.S. and is derived from the English tradition of allowing judges to make laws by case holdings. In Korea, judges rely on strict, literal interpretation of the code of law to make decisions. Hence, case precedents don't carry much weight, if any, in Korea," she explained.

The Fulbright Scholar program is implemented through the State Department, so the U.S. Embassy personnel in Korea know about the scholars who are in the country to participate in the program. Lanteigne was pleasantly surprised to receive a call from the embassy confirming that U.S. Ambassador, Thomas C. Hubbard, wanted to meet her (before she left for Korea, she had known that there might be a meeting with him). "They told me that he noticed I was also a University

of Alabama graduate. My appointment with him was toward the end of my stay, so I took him a copy of my completed paper and we talked about my research and Redstone Arsenal," Lanteigne said. "I also gave him a gift — and yes — I know the rules regarding gifts. It was a mug with a University of Alabama logo. The mug cost less than \$10. I hope he didn't think I was cheap!"

While Korea is her native country, Lanteigne had returned only one time, in 1988, since leaving it as a child. This time, she was able to visit the Korean DMZ, demilitarized zone, separating North and South Korea, and a few other tourist-type places before she left.

Lanteigne said participating in the Fulbright program and having the opportunity to research a job-related topic was similar to doing an intense training course.

"I learned about another country's view of IPR's, and it has expanded my knowledge of law," she said. "I called my paper, 'The Road to Harmony,' because the future of intellectual property rights protection, especially in our computer-based societies, calls for protection schemes that at least meet a similar standard throughout the world. The conclusions of my paper note that Korean laws for intellectual property rights protection parallel U.S. laws. Korea is looking at us as the lead in this area," she said.

A copy of her paper has been placed in the AMCOM law library. She also plans to share it with the Army Materiel Com-



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**EMBASSY VISIT—** AMCOM patent attorney and Fulbright Scholar, Anne Lanteigne, meets U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Thomas C. Hubbard, while doing research for her Fulbright Scholarship this fall. Hubbard invited Lanteigne to the Embassy after he learned she was studying in Seoul, and that she was a fellow University of Alabama graduate.

mand Legal Office. "The Fulbright is really a wonderful program. I recommend it highly to others," Lanteigne said.

## Precision Fires Rocket team cited for saving money

*Project office wins  
Defensewide honor*

By DAN O'BOYLE  
For the Rocket

The Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office and Col. Craig Naudain, project manager, have received the Department of Defense Project Manager Value Engineering Award.

The PM advanced to the DoD award competition, having been named the Army Materiel Command VE award recipient.

Devoted to reducing and avoiding costs, the VE program award lauds the PM for saving more than \$95 million, with more than \$36 million saved this year. The money saved this year has allowed for the purchase of more M270A1 Multiple Launch Rocket System launchers.

The M270A1 integrates an Improved Fire Control System and an Improved Launcher Mechanical System. During the incorporation of these modifications, the carrier and launcher loader module is remanufactured at the Red River Army Depot, Texas, saving more than \$40 million.

Additionally, the VE award recognizes



the PM for lowering the redesign cost of rocket and missile firing software. For example, the PM now uses a commercial software package, resulting in the saving of \$20.5 million.

"Through the use of VE techniques, the Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office continues to provide our soldiers with state-of-the-art technology and weapons," Naudain said. "This award reflects the dedication and commitment of the entire PM and AMCOM team. This team has always stayed focus on continuing to support our warfighter customers, reflecting genuine and superb teamwork."

# Playgrounds

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including Redstone. Myra Garriott, child and youth services coordinator, attended the national playground safety training from Sept. 26 through Oct. 1, 1999 at Fort Monmouth, N.J. She was among about 30 safety officers, medical professionals, coordinators and recreation people from throughout the Army Materiel Command. The National Recreation and Parks Association taught the course which included a test.

"It was an extremely difficult course," Garriott said. "It was a weeklong with a proctored exam at the end." As a certified playground inspector, she ensures that the playgrounds stay safe.

In the housing areas the 10 playgrounds include two near the new 118 units under construction, 18 of which have been finished. The two are actually community playgrounds, each with a tot lot and school-age area.

"The rest are new. We're replacing all the equipment," Lewis said. "I did in the neighborhood of almost \$300,000 worth of playground equipment. That's since the beginning of '01."

New equipment in area 8, on Tow Circle, will be moved to a new playground off Hughes Drive in area 6. The new play-

ground will probably be finished by the end of the fiscal year and cost about \$35,000, according to Lewis. This will happen after everyone has finished moving out of area 8.

AMC wanted to replace playgrounds, dating from the 1930s to 1950s, with new ones meeting today's safety standards. Redstone officials said no injuries were reported from playground equipment on post. But each year, more than 200,000 children go to U.S. hospital emergency rooms with injuries associated with playground equipment. Most injuries occur when a child falls from the equipment onto the ground.

"Parents have got to attend to their younger children in particular," Ahern said. "You cannot just turn your children loose in a playground."

Yolanda Dickerson, wife of MSgt. Alphonso Dickerson of Delta Company, has some suggestions in turn for Redstone's playgrounds. She and her husband and their two 4-year-old sons have lived on Tripp Drive for two and a half years.

"I think there's too many trees to have any fun," she said, referring to pine trees (and their cones) in a playground formerly near her home. "And it needs to be a little bit more interactive type toys or play area. And it seems to me it stayed dirty the whole time last summer. And also have some place for the parents to sit down."



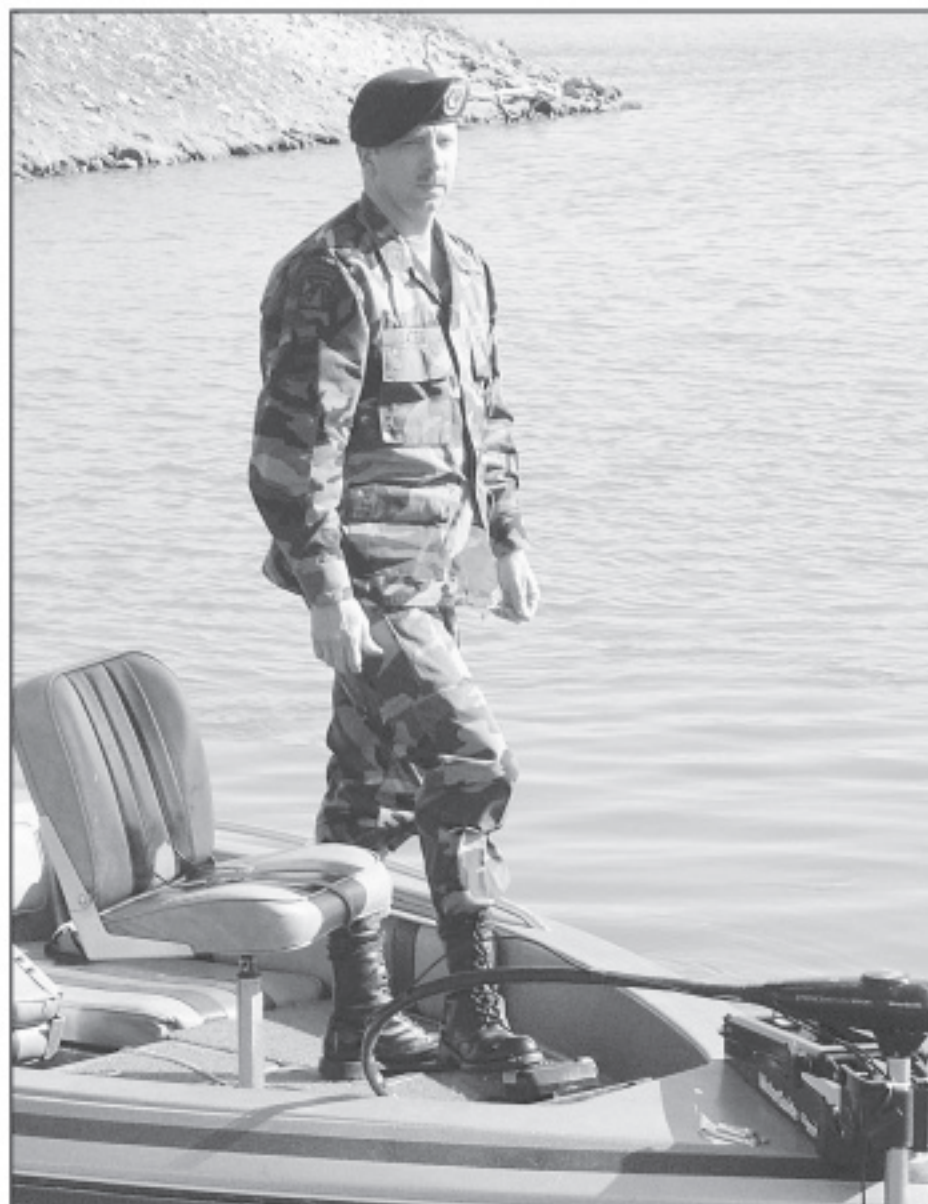


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**ON THE RIVER**— SSgt. Ronnie Yates, NCO-in-charge of legal assistance in Staff Judge Advocate Office, cruises the Tennessee River where he was able to help a fellow soldier stranded in the path of a barge after falling off a jet ski.

# Fishermen net unusual catch on Tennessee River

*Pair render aid to swimmers in path of oncoming barge*

By SANDY RIEBELING

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Even though he caught several fish, one spotted bass was all SSgt. Ronnie Yates had to show for his Sunday morning trip on the Tennessee River Nov. 10. Little did he know as he loaded his Baja Fish and Ski boat back on the trailer, his catch of the day was yet to come.

"It was about 11 o'clock when I came in," Yates, NCO-in-charge of legal assistance at the Staff Judge Advocate Office, said. "There were white caps everywhere — 25 mph winds — it was right chilly. I loaded up my boat and was pulling away when I saw the police pull in with flashing lights. He asked me to put my boat back in the water. Someone needed help out there."

Directly off the shore of the Col. Carroll Hudson recreation area in the middle of the Tennessee River, a man and a girl, about 12 years old, were stranded in the current after falling off a jet ski. Brisk winds had pushed the jet ski hundreds of yards away from them while a river barge was headed straight toward them.

Billy Booth, a civilian K-9 officer, had been fishing with his children on the shore near the boat ramp when the police arrived. He heard what was going on and offered to help Yates.

"I got my boat back in the water and Booth jumped in," Yates said. "There was a woman on the shore there screaming about them being out there with the barge coming. I guess it was his wife. I'm not sure. She must have been the one who called the police."

In a matter of minutes, Yates and Booth were on the scene, scooping the soldier and girl out of the water. They drove the man down to the banked jet ski and he drove it back while they brought the girl back to the woman on the shore.

"The police said we saved the life of a fellow soldier, that the barge would've sucked them under. I don't think the soldier saw it that way, but he did come by my office the next day to say thank you."

"Maybe he didn't want to call it a rescue," Booth said, "but there was definitely a safety issue. I'd been watching them in the water. They were both wearing life jackets so there wasn't the fear of drowning. For a while it looked like he might get to the jet ski and then I saw the barge. That's when the police arrived."

"With the waves it would have been hard for people on the barge to see them in the water. Even if they did, I'm not sure they could have done anything. If SSgt. Yates hadn't been there with his boat, I don't know what would have happened. There was nobody else around. It was a very dangerous situation in my opinion and Yates having his boat there was a big deal."

Yates said he felt fortunate to be at the right place at the right time.

"I've been out there when barges come through," he said. "The water gets so rough they about knocked me out of the boat. It felt good to be able to help someone."

Even though Yates has spent his life on the water, "born on a lake" and growing up in the south central Texas town of San Angelo, the son of a bass master's fisherman, this was the first time he's had to render aid in such a serious situation. He's

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# Ex-sergeant leads destitute tribe to economic prosperity

## Air Force veteran turned chief brings jobs to reservation

By RUDI WILLIAMS  
American Forces Press Service

CHOCTAW, Miss. — Gone are the days when about three-quarters of the people on the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indian Reservation were unem-

ployed and one-third of them had no formal education. And gone are the days when Choctaws were relegated to a livelihood of sharecropping, labor-type jobs and welfare lines.

They were called the "worst poverty pocket in the poorest state in the nation."

Now, the unemployment rate is about 4 percent, below the national rate of 5.7 percent. And the average annual household

income has jumped from less than \$2,000 per year in 1962 to more than \$25,000. More than 400 Choctaw youngsters are in college compared to the two or three who might enroll each year four decades ago.

The dramatic turnaround is the result of the determination, dedication to excellence, visionary leadership skills and business savvy of a former Air Force staff sergeant named Phillip Martin. The 76-year-old has held leadership positions in the tribal government for more than 45 years and has been the tribal chief since 1979. He's in his sixth consecutive four-year term as chief.

On March 13, 1926, Martin became the second baby born in the new U.S. Public Health Indian Hospital in Philadelphia, Miss., adjacent to the Choctaw reservation. Educated in the Bureau of Indian Affairs-run schools in the Tucker area of the reservation and in Cherokee, N.C., Martin followed the footsteps of his four brothers into the armed forces.

"My oldest brother, Raymond Martin, started out in the Mississippi National Guard and hit the beach at Normandy, France, on D-Day, June 6, 1944," said Martin, whose father died when he was 13. "Raymond was killed in action on April 20, 1945. My brother Edmond Martin joined the Army in 1943 and saw combat at the Battle of the Bulge.

"I joined the Army Air Forces in August 1945 and went to Europe during the occupation," Martin said. "We were replacements for GIs who were returning home."

When the Air Force became a separate service in 1947, Martin was considering a military career.

"You can easily live with the regimentation," he said. "I liked being a GI, but all at once I asked myself why I'd decided to do this. Then I decided that maybe I could do better if I went back home and then somewhere else — Chicago, Dayton (Ohio), San Francisco. I thought I'd be able to get a new start in civilian life in one of those cities.

"Here I was, coming home in 1955 from the military," said Martin, who spent the Korean War with a radar unit on Okinawa, Japan. "You have a lot of advantages in the military. You see the world, meet a lot of good people, have a lot of good comradeship and you develop leadership. So I wasn't used to the way things were when I came home, and I was going to leave because I didn't think I could change anything."

At the time, unemployment on the reservation was about 80 percent, housing and health care was miserable, educational opportunities were nonexistent, life

expectancy was 45 to 50 years, and infant mortality was highest of any population in the United States.

Martin wanted to escape for a chance to make a better life, but the love and determination of a strong woman kept him on the reservation. His "short visit" with his family led to about a year's stay and marriage to his wife, Bonnie. She didn't want to leave the reservation because of family ties, so he searched Mississippi for a job to no avail.

The couple today have two daughters, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In 1957, the tribal government wasn't functioning well and Martin's fellow tribesmen persuaded him to run for tribal councilman. Once elected, he was encouraged to take the chairman's seat, but refused.

"I hadn't even read the tribe's constitution and didn't know much about the background or done anything in the tribal government," the chief said. "I said, 'Let me take two years to learn about what's going on here.'"

Two years later, he was elected board chairman and then became tribal council chairman. When the federal Office of Economic Opportunity gave the Choctaw tribe a small grant to build a small industrial park, Martin became the community action agency director. He held that position for five years.

"We sat up a good organization and applied for a lot of grants from the government," he said. "We put people to work and in training and started changing things for the better. Before that time, opportunities for the Choctaw people were very small — almost none.

"People were poor and had no place to really call their own, except for the small parcel of land the federal government gave them in 1918."

With the concept, "We need jobs here," Martin and his council members started looking for industry to locate on the reservation in the early 1960s. In 1969, the Choctaws developed a construction business. Their climb up the economic ladder of success started in 1979 with the opening of Choctaw Enterprise. It was a manufacturing plant with a small General Motors contract to assemble electrical and ignition wire harnesses for trucks, Martin said.

"We grew from there. Ford and Chrysler showed up, and we started doing a lot of work on a lot of different parts for the automotive industry," he noted. "We had about 4,000 people working in a little while. We hired anybody who wanted to



Photo by Rudi Williams

**BANNER YEARS**— Chief Phillip Martin of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians poses with the Choctaw flag in his huge office on the tribal reservation.

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Displays were set up at the health center, Sparkman Center and Post Exchange offering educational materials on how and why to quit smoking, graphic visual aids of the effects of smoking on the body and a survival kit for smokers willing to commit to a smoke-free day.

"It's really hard to quit," said Angie Lamb, a recreation specialist with Morale, Welfare and Recreation. MWR worked with the health center to man booths during the one-day awareness campaign. "I quit five years ago myself. It was tough. I went cold turkey."

For those willing to commit to the cold turkey challenge and sign a contract to stay smoke free for the day, the health center entered their names in a drawing to give away two frozen turkeys.

"Everybody who signs the contract gets a certificate and a survival kit," Lamb said, holding up a small brown paper bag filled with treats. "We put healthy snacks in here — apple, raisins, gum, cheese crackers — stuff to help people keep their hands busy when they get a craving."

Spec. John Cadieux, an X-ray technician at Fox, was one of the first to sign up at the health center that morning.

"I came in ready to quit today," Cadieux said. "I smoked my last cigarette last night. Usually it's the first thing I go for in the morning. This morning I watched cartoons with my kids before I came to work. I even left my lighter and cigarettes at home. I just hope it's busy today — makes the day go faster."

Cadieux, 24, smoked his first cigarette at 14, after he and his friends lifted a pack from his mother. He managed to quit one time for a year but started back again. His wife, Carie, is a non-smoker and has banished him to the outdoors to smoke for the sake of their two sons, Ethan, 4, and Gabriel, seven months.

"Because of what I do, I've seen firsthand the effects of smoking," Cadieux said. "I'm going to try to quit."

Unfortunately, Cadieux was only able to stay smoke free a day and a half but he's not given up on the idea of quitting. "Smoking cessation classes start up again after the holidays. I'm going to give it another try, maybe get some Zyban to

help."

For Marine Corps retiree Millard Wynn, lung cancer was his wakeup call.

"I was a heavy smoker. Started when I was 19 — when I joined the Marines," he said. "They used to give a cigarette break and if you didn't smoke, you didn't get the break."

Wynn retired in 1977 and in 1994 doctors found a spot on his lung while checking for ulcers. The tumor was detected in the early stages, removed and Wynn has been cancer-free ever since. "On my way out of the hospital I had a pack of cigarettes and a lighter. I gave them both to a guy bumming a cigarette. I wished I'd quit a lot sooner than what I did. Now I can't stand the smell of smoke or an ashtray."

"He's a different person since he quit," his wife, Annie, said. "He looked old and his skin tightened up. He looks great now. I'm so proud of him."

"Smoking does damage your body," Tamiriz Centeno, community health nurse at Public Health and Education Center, said. "It is a contributing factor that puts you at higher risk (for lung cancer, stroke, heart disease, emphysema and other related diseases). People try to rationalize smoking but they need to realize those are the chances that they take. Quitting now, no matter how long you have smoked, will improve the quality of your life and reduce those health risks."

Changing behavior patterns is critical for those trying to kick the smoking habit, according to Centeno. "We are creatures of habit. If you sat in your favorite chair and smoked after dinner, go to a different place after you eat. Change the way you do things. Remember to eat good foods and get some exercise. It will help."

Cecil Sprague, Army airborne infantry retiree, quit smoking more than 30 years ago, just after his wife, Vera, kicked the habit, but he still remembers those triggers that made him crave cigarettes, like his cup of coffee in the morning or his favorite place to grab a beer.

"They used to package cigarettes in K-rations," Sprague, 79, said. "A few no-name cigarettes they couldn't sell here. Not everybody smoked so we got cigs from the guys who didn't."

But he wasn't going to let cigarettes ruin his life.

"I jumped behind enemy lines twice in



Photo by Sandy Rebell

**EX-SMOKERS—** Vera and Cecil Sprague stop by the anti-smoking display at Fox Army Health Center Nov. 21. Both quit smoking about 30 years ago and say it was one of the best things they've done for their health. Cecil is an Army airborne infantry retiree and veteran of World War II and Korea.

World War II and twice in Korea," he said. "I'm going to live to be 100. I'm going to outlive my doctor."

For more information about tobacco cessation classes forming in the new year, call the health center at 842-0196.



# Delta sends defending champ 59th to losers' bracket

Postseason flag football tourney scheduled to conclude this week

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Flag football teams rushed to a grand finale this week.

The postseason tournament championship was scheduled Dec. 3 at the Patton Road field after two games Dec. 2 in the losers' bracket. Delta advanced to the final by beating defending champion HHC 59th 20-12 on Nov. 26.

The Devastating Dragons would face the survivor from the Dec. 2 elimination games which had the NCO Academy against Bravo at 6 p.m. following by the 59th against the winner.

"Now we've got to stay focused because whoever plays us has to beat us twice," Delta quarterback/coach Cedric Tims said. "So as long as we stay focused, keep our heads in the game, we should come out victorious with the post championship."

Delta (10-1) sent the 59th to the losers' bracket with two key defensive plays in the second half of their showdown. The Devastating Dragons were leading 14-12 when Bruce Hollis intercepted a pass by



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**JUMP BALL—** Patrick Perry (13) of HHC 59th goes up for a pass during the pre-season tournament final against Bravo Company. The 59th beat the Bulldogs 14-6 and 24-20 for the championship Sept. 24.

59th quarterback Jerry McIntyre and returned it 50 yards for a touchdown with nine minutes left.

The second big stop came in the final two minutes with the 59th (11-1) threatening on Delta's 10 yard line. Right defensive end Morris Brown pressured McIntyre into a pass interception by Sheldon Goldsmith in the middle of the end zone. "That closed the door on 59th," Tims said.

The Devastating Dragons opened the scoring early in the first half on a 20-yard touchdown pass from Tims to left end Johnie Walker. Delta's Keith Broughton scored on a 5-yard run early in the second half and Tims passed to Hollis for the two-point conversion, making it 14-6.

"It was a great passing game," Tims said. "We put a lot of pressure on the quarterback from 59th, Jerry McIntyre. Our

defense really confused him and in turn caused three interceptions — one returned for a touchdown."

"Delta Company just outplayed us," McIntyre said. "A few mental mistakes, two key players out of the game, and Delta won."

The 59th's Laevrmonde Watts, its most dangerous receiver, didn't play on offense because of a leg injury. Cornerback Jermaine McGee didn't play at all.

McIntyre threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to Ronald Steele in the first half which tied the game at 6-all. After Delta's touchdown early in the second half, the 59th scored on the ensuing kickoff when McIntyre threw a spot pass to Brett Holder. The play covered 65 yards.

Delta played the 59th twice in the pre-season and once in the regular season and improved to 2-2 against its rival. The teams were expected to meet again in this week's final.

Here are results from last week's post-season action:

- Nov. 25 — Delta def. Charlie 34-18, HHC 59th def. NCO Academy 40-36, MEDDAC eliminated Alpha 131st 22-6 and Bravo eliminated Headquarters & Alpha 14-0.

- Nov. 26 — Delta def. HHC 59th 20-12, NCO Academy eliminated MEDDAC 24-6 and Bravo stopped Charlie 33-26.



# Skip's picks

## Midshipmen get nod over Cadets of Army

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Skip's Picks went 25-9 in the 13th week of the college football season, bringing the sea-

son totals to 320-114.

Here are my predictions for this week:

Army vs. Navy - Navy  
San Diego State at Hawaii - Hawaii  
Fresno State at Louisiana Tech - Fresno  
Virginia Tech at Miami - Miami  
Washington State at UCLA - Wash. State  
Arkansas vs. Georgia - Georgia  
Oklahoma vs. Colorado - Oklahoma



## Communications electronics group meets quarterly

The Huntsville Chapter of Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association kicked off its 2003 fiscal year with a luncheon Oct. 30 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Mark Lumer, contracting executive for Space and Missile Defense Command, spoke on Army regionalization. Lumer's presentation was well received and generated many questions focused on the small business community concerning bundling contracting, currently used by the Army.

Mario Cervantes, president of the Huntsville Chapter, presented Lumer with a framed certificate of appreciation for his contribution to AFCEA and the Huntsville Chapter.

The Huntsville Chapter meets quarterly and is looking to double its membership this fiscal year with the help of the Huntsville and Redstone community. The next meeting is Feb. 5 with a program manager scheduled to speak. The name of the PM will be released once his appearance is confirmed.

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AFCEA's roots trace back to pre-Civil War days, and the group was formally founded in 1946. This international non-profit association represents the profession-

al communications, electronics, intelligence and information systems community. The Huntsville Chapter has 83 members.

For additional information on AFCEA, call Cervantes at 705-5652.

## Boater was in right place at right time for rescue

### Rescue

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towed stranded boats and assisted swimmers and skiers in the water but nothing like this, nor has he ever needed such assistance.

"I do remember a time when I was 7 or 8 years old," he said. "I was in a boat with my dad and stepmom and we hit a water moccasin nest - the way they ball up, hundreds of them. They were trying to get into the boat and my dad was using a paddle to knock them back in the water. He didn't want to start the motor and spin them into the boat. I had bad dreams for a while after that. I hate snakes."

That doesn't keep him from taking his wife, Annetta, and three boys, Andrew, 15, Tyler, 5 and Chase, 3, boating, camping and fishing as often as possible. "We all love it," he said.

Booth shares Yates' love of fishing and the outdoors. "I do a lot of fishing with the kids," he said. "I remember one time I was out on the river pretty close to where we picked up the soldier and little girl. A storm blew in and my boat motor wouldn't start. The waves were huge, the boat was blown to the opposite bank. There's nothing over there - no phone. The Coast Guard Auxiliary out on patrol saw me and towed me back to the dock. I sure was happy they were there."



## ■ Former Mississippi poverty pocket makes change

# Chief

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work and trained him or her on the job.

"Our aim was to create jobs so people could stay here on the reservation," the chief said. "That way, we could maintain our tribe and our culture and start sending our kids to school to give them an opportunity to do even better than we are."

The Choctaw constitution was changed in the early 1970s and created the position of chief with a four-year term. Martin lost his first race for the job in 1974, but returned to the council and was elected chief in 1979.

"We didn't have any education and no opportunity to go to a decent school," he noted. "What we needed was a crank-up to start businesses to generate revenue, to maintain and operate our tribal government and to buy things needed in the community."

In 1988, Congress passed the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, which allows Indians to have gambling on reservations.

He pointed out that although the tribe had set a goal of self-sufficiency long before the act was passed, manufacturing is not a high-money-making operation.

Martin said the first Choctaw casino and hotel, the Silver Star, opened in 1994. The second, the \$290 million Golden Moon, held a "soft opening" in August and an official opening in October.

"We now have two large casinos, two championship golf courses, a \$20 million water park and we're planning on additional things for tourism," Martin said. "We've created around 9,000 jobs, of which 65 percent are held by non-Indians. We're like a big business looking for good people to work for us. It has increased the state's economy."

He said profits are redistributed to the seven Choctaw communities spread out around the 28,338-acre reservation.

"We're building infrastructure that the people need," Martin said. That included three elementary schools, a middle school, a high school, a hospital, shopping center and a scholarship program that pays 100 percent of students' expenses so

long as they maintain their grades.

"When you want to do something badly enough and work at it hard and be determined to do it, things will happen in the way you planned it," Martin said, holding up a program for a tribute to him on Nov. 14. The program lists 23 business enterprises established under his leadership.

Now an economic powerhouse, the Choctaws' sprawling industrial and commercial empire is the largest employer in Neshoba County, Miss., and among the five largest employers in the state.

Life expectancy has increased from 65 to 75 years. The infant mortality is below state and national levels.

The tribe is planning a memorial at the reservation's Lake Pushmataha that lists the names of all known Choctaws who've served in the military, Martin said. "We have some names from 1815 — the Battle of New Orleans," he said.

"The United States has never given much credit to the Indian people who participated in wars," he said. "It's quite a big number considering the amount of people we have."

In response to people who ask him why Indians fight in the nation's wars, Martin said, "We're citizens of the United States. It's our home. Our home is not somewhere else. For that reason, we support the government and the military. By building this memorial, we hope things will change for us, too."

Martin said the things he learned and experienced during his military service help him as chief. "You have to provide some kind of good leadership and direction — where you're going, where you're taking the



Courtesy photo

## Up for adoption

The Veterinary Treatment Facility seeks a good home for this spayed Labrador retriever, mixed breed, approximately 7 years old. She's good with kids and friendly. If interested call the VTF at 876-2441.

tribe," he said. "It was easy because there was so much need. We needed basic things that are important to success — jobs!"

The Choctaws are doing well, but they're not self-sustaining — yet, he said. "We've got a long way to go. We have a population of over 9,000 people in seven communities, schools, hospitals, satellite health center — a lot of big overhead," Martin noted. "So, even though we're making some income and creating jobs, it isn't enough to maintain ourselves. But we're doing everything we can to be self-determined and pay our way."



# Announcements



## Sports & Recreation

### Basketball salute

The Association of the U.S. Army will present "Salute to Military Night" with the Huntsville Flight vs. Asheville Altitude basketball game Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. Tickets are \$5 per person. For more information, call Lawrence 429-1008.

### Volleyball league

The Redstone Volleyball League holds a clinic each Sunday from 2-4:30 p.m., with open play following, at Pagano Gym. For information call Felix Milar 313-1200, 876-2943 or 313-6091.

### Basketball clinics

Upcoming clinics at Optimist Park Gym include a Basketball Coaches Clinic, Dec 20 from 6-8 p.m., cost is \$15 and includes a free T-shirt; and a Basketball Clinic for Youth (ages 8-12), Dec. 21, boys 9 a.m. to noon and girls 1-4 p.m., cost is \$20 and includes a free T-shirt. Call 325-7529 or register online at [www.playsmartt.com](http://www.playsmartt.com).

### Youth gymnastics instructor

Youth Sports is looking for a qualified gymnastics instructor for beginning and intermediate classes to be held on post. Instruction will be available for ages 5-18. Interested individuals should call Missy Richards, youth sports director, 313-3699.



## Conferences & Meetings

### Project management group

The Project Management Institute, North Alabama Chapter will meet 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Sister Gooch's Wine Cellar, 382 Slaughter Road in Madison. Tony Lindeman, chapter president, is to provide a short presentation on highlights from the PMI Symposium & Exhibition 2002 in San Antonio, Texas. Door prizes, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided. Cost is \$10 per person and a cash bar will be available. For reservations call Camilla Canty 726-1904.

### Florida A&M alums

Alumni of Florida A&M University plan an interest meeting to establish a local chapter of the FAMU Alumni Association. For more information, call Robert McCoy 858-0830 or Wendell Johnson 427-7043.

### Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Dec. 19 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at the Redstone Golf Club. The association is open to E-9s from all services, Army, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve. For more information, call retired CSM Jean Rose 313-1659.

### Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter

of Blacks in Government will sponsor a lunch and learn program Dec. 11 at 11:15 a.m. at the Sparkman building 5304 in room 4331 (third floor). Tim Grey, director of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, is to speak on the privatization/outsourcing of Army civilian and military jobs, and how this may impact the future federal work force. The meeting is open to anyone interested in dialogue about this important process. For more information, call Mary Peoples 955-4275.



## Miscellaneous

### Catholic pilgrimage

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel is planning a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Lourdes, France for the annual International Military Pilgrimage. The patrons will be in France May 14-23. Many sightseeing trips are included in this pilgrimage, to include a day trip to Utah and Omaha Beaches, visit to the American Cemetery, and two days in Paris. The price of this pilgrimage is approximately \$1,677 per person based on double occupancy leaving from Huntsville and \$1,560 per person based on double occupancy leaving from Atlanta. Cost includes roundtrip coach air fare, transfers, tours, two meals per day, 4-star hotels and taxes. For more information, call Donna Ragucci 461-9415.

### Reserve detachment

An Army Reserve Detachment on Redstone Arsenal is looking for prior active duty people or possibly transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with MOS 74B (information systems operators) and MOS 75B/H (unit administration). For 74B MOS, it will consider reclassification action to MOS 74B if you can document with resume civilian acquired skills, education/experience, in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance required. Must possess the personal qualifications to pass the background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance in the near future. If you have MOS 74C or 74F, it is now authorized to convert to 74B as well.

For MOS 75B/H, you must be MOS-Q, prior service or transfer from another unit. For more information, call Charles Vartan 876-0604 (work) or 883-8891 (home).

### Apprentice program

The Science and Engineering Apprentice Program is held each summer to give academically talented high school and college students research experience with mentors at the Aviation and Missile Command. Applications are available from high school senior counselors or college placement services; and the deadline is Jan. 31. For more information, call Betty Duke of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center 313-4790.

### New Year's Eve gala

The Officers and Civilians Club is having another blow-out New Year's Eve party Dec. 31. We're starting with a buffet dinner served 7-9 p.m. and live music by "The Usual Suspects." Ticket price is \$35 per person and includes dinner, entertainment, continental breakfast from midnight to 1 a.m., party favors, and champagne for toasting. We're also offering an all-inclusive on-post lodging package. You do the celebrating, we do the driving. Includes lodging on Redstone Arsenal in cottages or deluxe hotel rooms, transportation to and from the New Year's Eve gala, dinner and dance. Sixty-six deluxe rooms -\$115.50 per couple and five cottages - \$127.50 per couple. For tickets, call 830-CLUB or call Redstone lodging 837-4130/876-5713 for the New Year's Eve gala package. This event is open to the entire Redstone community. The Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road, will open for its New Year's Party at 6 p.m. Dec. 31. The \$15 ticket price includes DJ/karaoke, hors d'oeuvres, party favors and champagne. Call 837-0750/0751 for details. The Firehouse Pub, on Hankins Road, will also open for its New Year's Party at 6 p.m. Dec. 31. The \$10 ticket price includes DJ/karaoke, Tommy McPerson, hors d'oeuvres, party favors and champagne. Call 830-2582 or 8420748 for details.

### Holiday party

Make plans now to attend the 2002 IMMC Holiday Party, Dec. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club.

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This year's theme is "Home for the Holidays." Tickets are \$12 before Nov. 27, \$13 afterward. For tickets call Romona Rice 313-1641, Cindy Yassi 313-1328, Lisa Pipes 842-6276, Janice Perry 842-6336 or Lynn Dimock 313-0569.

## Young Marines

New recruit training will begin soon for Young Marines, a program for boys and girls ages 8-17. For more information, call 536-2054 or 876-8963.

## Weather closings

If inclement weather causes Redstone Arsenal to close or delay its opening, tune in to any of the following stations for the most current information: Radio — WAHR, 99.1FM; WDRM, 102FM; WEKR, 1240AM; WEUP, 1600 AM; WGSV, 1270AM; WJAB, 90.9FM; WLRH, 89.3FM; WRAB, 1380AM; WRSA, 97FM; WTKI, 1450AM; WVNN, 770AM; WWIC, 1050AM; WZYP, 104.3FM; Television — WAAY (Channel 31), WAFF (Channel 48) and WHNT (Channel 19). Two additional methods have been implemented to provide current information about delays or closures. You can call 955-8445 to hear a recorded announcement or you can log on to the Team Redstone Internet site ([www.redstone.army.mil](http://www.redstone.army.mil)) and click the button for weather information.

## Festival volunteers

Panoply is in the planning stages for the 2003 festival. If anyone would like to be a chairman over a committee for Panoply, contact Cheryl Davis at [cheryl.davis@trw.com](mailto:cheryl.davis@trw.com). The committees are Community Resourcing, Emcees, Easel Art, Face Painting, Frame It, Panoply Critters, Signs/Banners, Art yard, Wind Chimes and Convenience Store. "If you volunteer, let Cheryl know you are an ASMC member," the American Society of Military Comptrollers said in a release.

## Parent education

Child and Youth Services will hold a Parent Education Class on Literature for Children and Teens, today from noon-2 p.m. in the Redstone Room of Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. Scheduled speaker is Dr. Barbara Sittason, principal of Gordon Bibb Elementary School in Decatur. Come get ideas for making books "come

alive" for your child and/or teen. For more information, call Carolyn 313-3609 or Wanda 955-6114.

## Home safety class

A free home safety class is for expectant parents or parents of young children will be held Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to noon at ChildWise, building 1413 on Nike Street. To register or for more information, call 876-2798.

## Tour of homes

A Holiday Tour of Homes will be held Sunday at Hampton Cove. Proceeds benefit the National Children's Advocacy Center. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 day of tour. For more information, call Linda Brooks 534-0018.

## Merit awards

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is accepting applications for Merit Awards to help offset the cost of tuition, books and related fees. Applications are available at OCWC board meetings and luncheons, and the deadline is Feb. 1. Applicants must: be a member, spouse of a member, or dependent of an OCWC member in good standing as of last Oct. 1 and live within 50 miles of Huntsville. Candidates may compete in one of four categories — high school senior, undergraduate, graduate and member/spouse. Previous winners may compete in succeeding years, but may win only once in each category. Students receiving full scholarship may not apply. For more information about Merit Awards call Diane Moore, merit awards chairman, 864-2670.

## Appreciation day in store

Dillard's will hold "Military Appreciation Days," today and Thursday. The store extends a 20 percent discount to military personnel on purchases made those days. Appliances and electronic merchandise may be purchased with a 10 percent discount. This special discount is offered to active military members and their immediate family, full-time active Guardsmen and their immediate family, activated Guardsmen and their immediate family and activated reservists and their immediate family.

## Christmas trees

All offices, day rooms, military personnel

on active duty, and other activities requiring Christmas trees are authorized to cut trees on a self-help basis in the area north-east of the Ammunition Supply Point area which is located across the road from the Redstone Arsenal Saddle Activity. Trees shall not be cut for commercial or unauthorized use. This area has been marked with orange flagging for easy recognition. Travel will be limited to the single pasture trail along the east side of the open pastureland. Cutting operations will be limited to inside the Christmas tree cutting area only. Extreme caution should be exercised to prevent straying outside of the area or off the access route and removing any objects other than a Christmas tree. Trees should not be cut earlier than Dec. 7-24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tree trimmings should not be left on grassed rights-of-way, railroad tracks or access roads. For more information and a location map, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868.

## Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, in building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-4 and Thursdays from 9-5. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-12:30. The shop has appointments Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. Christmas items will be accepted until Dec. 13. The shop will be open for sales Dec. 7. For more information, call 881-6992.

## Christmas angel program

Members of the Integrated Materiel Management Center are sponsoring their 13th annual SOS Christmas Angels program. They ask that your office or team adopt an Angel for Christmas by providing toys and gifts for a needy child. Gift turn-in is Dec. 12. Be prepared to give the number of Angels to be adopted, team leader's name, office symbol, telephone number and your location. For more information call Vanessa Adair 842-8678, Darnesheia Alexander 842-7847, Ellametrica Butler 313-1163, Belinda Leak 876-5956, T.J. Longoria 842-7840, Nadine Manderson 842-8714, Alma Morgan 313-2445, Judy Rodriguez 876-1155, Charlotte Rutherford 313-1396 or Terry Russell Green 842-9369.

## Ebony fashion fair

Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. will sponsor the 45th annual Ebony Fashion Fair, "Simply Spectacular," Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Proceeds from the fashion show will benefit scholarships and other community projects. Ticket prices are reserved \$30, general \$25, and students (K-12) \$15. Persons purchasing general or reserved tickets are entitled to a year subscription to *EBONY* magazine or a six-month subscription to *JET* magazine. Student ticket purchasers are entitled to a year subscription to

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**EBONY** magazine only. For tickets call 852-9325 or 755-9196.

## Auto skills class

MWR Auto Skills is opening its doors to youths for an Auto Skills class. Grades 6-12 can attend this free class to learn car basics like changing a tire, vehicle safety inspections, oil changes, and checking the motor for basic maintenance. The first class is 7 p.m. Thursday at the Auto Skills Center, building 3617 on Entac Circle (off Gray Road). It will be a shop safety orientation to introduce the Auto Skills class. All the remaining classes will be taught each Thursday at 6 p.m. For more information,

call Carolyn 955-8401 or 313-3609

## Crafts show

Pottery, hand-crafted clothing, jewelry, and arts and crafts will fill the Von Braun Center South Hall at the Northeast Alabama Craftsmen Association's annual Christmas Craft Show, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. A gift certificate redeemable at any booth will be given away every two hours. Admission is free. For more information, call 882-0725.

## Prayer breakfast

The next IMMC Nondenominational

Prayer Breakfast is Dec. 17 at 7 a.m. in building 5308, room 8124. No food or drinks will be served, but you may bring your own. Everyone is invited. For information call Clifton Canady 876-1587.

## Youth camps

Registration for both School Age Services (grades K-5) and Youth Services (grades 6-12) Winter Break Camps will be held through Dec. 20 at Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Rd. Cost is based on total family gross income plus \$15 Child and Youth Services central registration fee. The

camps are open to youths whose parents or guardians are military, retired military, DoD or Army civilians, RSA contractors or NASA employees. A copy of a current immunization record must accompany registration. To sign up or get information, call 876-3704 or 955-6309.

## Chapel events

The community is invited to the Holiday Tree Lighting, Thursday at 4 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. The Catholic community will have "Christmas Around the World," Sunday at 5 p.m. with food tasting at 6 at the chapel. Weekend mass is 5 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

## ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?															
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT [WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL](http://WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL)

02BK0139225DC1	Supply Technician	4-Dec-02	GARRISON	GS-2005	7	7	30,721 - 39,940	X															
02BK0132481RFM2	Supvy General Engineer	4-Dec-02	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	76,580 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NCAS03084358	Criminal Investigator	4-Dec-02	CID DS; Hville,AL	GS-1811	9-11	12-13	38,831 - 84,241	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
AS-DEU-03-2425	Criminal Investigator	4-Dec-02	CID DS; Hville,AL	GS-1811	9-11	12-13	38,831 - 84,241	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0137765DC1	Elect Integrated Systems Mechanic	6-Dec-02	GARRISON	WG-2610	13	13	18.64 - 21.73	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0127626DR2	Secretary (OA)	6-Dec-02	PEOAMD,SHORAD	GS-0318	8	8	34,023 - 44,233	X															
02BK0130775BM1	Paralegal Specialist	6-Dec-02	AMSAM-L	GS-0950	9	9	37,579 - 48,849	X															
02BK0142610PL2	Medical Instrument Tech (Electrocardiograph)	6-Dec-02	MEDCOM	GS-0649	5	5	24-802 - 32,243	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0141678FM2	Mechanical Engineer	9-Dec-02	AMRDEC	DB-0830	3	3	54,495 - 84,241	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0108118RPL2	Secretary (OA)	9-Dec-02	AMRDEC	DK-0318	2	2	24,802 - 35,941	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0137025RM2	Electronics Engineer	10-Dec-02	PEO Aviation	GS-0855	13	13	64,803 - 84,241	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03137295	Program Mgmt Officer	11-Dec-02	TMDE	GS-0340	14	14	76,580 - 99,552	X															
02BK0139796RM2	General Engineer	12-Dec-02	PEO Aviation	GS-0801	14	14	76,580 - 99,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0130797VW1	General Engineer	18-Dec-02	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	76,580 - 99,552	X								X							
02BK0137441RM2	Business Mgmt Officer	19-Dec-02	PEO Aviation	NH-0301	4	4	76,580 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03134659	Supvy Civil Engineer	20-Dec-02	CofE Huntsville	GS-0810	14	14	76,271 - 99,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0135151RM2	Supvy General Engineer	20-Dec-02	PEO Aviation	NH-0801	4	4	76,850 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0127250MR2	Supvy Computer Engineer	26-Dec-02	OCS	GS-0854	15	15	90,078 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0130870FM2	Lead General Engineer	27-Dec-02	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	76,580 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-02-2027	Social Worker	30-Dec-02	MEDCOM	GS-0185	9-11	12	37,428 - 81,180	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-02-2024	Counseling Psychologist	31-Dec-02	MEDCOM	GS-0180	9-11	12	37,428 - 81,180	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-02-1286	Nurse (Various Occup Spec)	31-Dec-02	MEDCOM	GS-0610	9-10	11-12	37,428 - 78,366	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-02-1325	Medical Tech (Various Occup Spec)	31-Dec-02	MEDCOM	GS-0644	5-7-9	11-12	24,701 - 77309	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-02-1303	Medical Officer	31-Dec-02	MEDCOM	GS-0602	11-12-13	14-15	50,964 - 114,251	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-02-1295	Pharmacist	31-Dec-02	MEDCOM	GS-0660	9,11	12,13	37,428 - 85,184	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK060779JH3	Equipment Specialist (Gen)	27-Feb-03	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	54,275 - 70,555	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK066825JH3	Equipment Specialist (Air)	27-Feb-03	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	54,275 - 70,555	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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X-SP-03-4526-ST	Pilot,Helicopter	4-Dec-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-2181	12	12	54,495 - 70,841	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-03-4536-ST	Electronics Engineer	6-Dec-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0855	12	12	54,954 - 70,841	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-03-4534-ST	General Engineer	9-Dec-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0801	13	13	64,803 - 84,241	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-02-4085-ST	Aerospace Engineer	10-Dec-02	Office Sec of Army	DB-0861	3	3	54,495 - 84,241	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-03-4444-ST	Supvy General Engineer	11-Dec-02	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	76,580 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-AO-02-4333-HW	Supvy Contract Spec	13-Dec-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-1102	15	15	90,078 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-03-4561-RD	Lead General Engineer	19-Dec-02	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	76,580 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-AO-03-4543-AO	Supvy Civil Engineer	21-Dec-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0810	14	14	76,271 - 99,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-03-4546-ST	Supvy Computer Engineer	24-Dec-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0854	15	15	90,078 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)

- A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.
- B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).
- C - Compensably Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).
- D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)
- E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)
- F- All Federal Employees
- H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
- I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)
- R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)
- T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)
- V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).
- U - All U.S. citizens

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.

NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e., Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com), or you may telephone 876-7772.